

Claims Clues

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Billing AHCCCS Eligible Members

On April 18, 2005 Governor Janet Napolitano signed into Law Senate Bill (SB) 1249. This law prohibits Providers from billing Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) eligible Members and authorizes AHCCCS to impose civil penalties upon Providers, who continuously bill Members, after notification from AHCCCS. SB 1249 also establishes procedure for the

correction of improper requests for collection. It requires a health care Provider who has improperly contacted any collection agency or credit reporting agency, regarding a Members billing, to request that the collection efforts be terminated and that any affected credit report be corrected. The effective date for this law is August 18, 2005.

Selecting Electronic Payments is Easy and Convenient

AHCCCS has made it easy for providers to begin receiving electronic fee-for-service reimbursement. The electronic payment option processes payments using the Automated Clearing House (ACH) rather than issuing checks to providers. The ACH payment method enables providers to receive reimbursement more quickly. The Arizona Clearing House Association (ACHA) processes electronic payments directly to the provider's bank account through Bank of America, which functions as the state servicing bank.

BofA will make the electronic payment available to a provider's account one business day after the date AHCCCS transmits the ACH payments file to BofA. The ACH process offers several benefits to providers, including:

- Immediate availability of funds
- Fully traceable payments
- Elimination of mail and deposit delays
- Elimination of lost, stolen, or misplaced checks

To begin receiving ACH payments, a provider must complete Sections 2

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and 3 of the ACH Vendor Authorization form.

This form is available on the AHCCCS website at www.ahcccs.state.az.us.

Click on the Links for Plans and Providers. On the Quick Links for Health Plans & Providers page, click on Forms, then scroll down to the ACH Vendor Authorization Form. The provider's financial institution must complete Section 4 of the form.

Submit the form to:

AHCCCS Finance Dept.
Mail Drop 5400
P. O. Box 25399
Phoenix, AZ 85002

AHCCCS Finance staff will complete Section 1 of the form to initiate the electronic payment process.

AHCCCS will process its normal weekly fee-for-service payment cycle and transmit the ACH payment data to BofA, which will transmit the information to AHCHA. On the settlement date of the electronic payment, the provider's financial institution will credit the provider's individual account.

Providers who have questions should call (602) 417-4052 or (602) 417-4543.



Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

As a reminder, providers who bill for administration of vaccines under the federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) program must bill the appropriate CPT code for the immunization with the "SL" (State supplied vaccine) modifier.

Under the VFC program, providers are paid a capped fee for administration of vaccines to recipients 18 and younger. Because the vaccine is made available to providers free of charge, they must not bill for the vaccine itself. Providers must not use the immunization administration CPT codes 90471,

90472, 90473, and 90474 when billing under the VFC program. Vaccines covered under the VFC program are listed below. It is important to note that CPT code 90715's description per the AMA is listed "...for use in individuals 7 years or older", however the FDA description states "for children 10 years or older." AHCCCS is following the FDA description for age.

****Refer to following page for listing of covered vaccines.**

Vaccines Covered Under the VFC Program	
90633	Hepatitis A vaccine, pediatric/adolescent dosage-2 dose schedule
90634	Hepatitis A vaccine, pediatric/adolescent dosage-3 dose schedule
90645	Hemophilus influenza b vaccine (Hib), HbOC conjugate (4 dose schedule)
90646	Hemophilus influenza b vaccine (Hib), PRP-D conjugate, for booster use only
90647	Hemophilus influenza b vaccine (Hib), PRP-OMP conjugate (3 dose schedule)
90648	Hemophilus influenza b vaccine (Hib), PRP-T conjugate (4 dose schedule)
90657	Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, 6 - 35 months dosage (covered under VFC only for high-risk children)
90658	Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, 3 years and above (covered under VFC only for high-risk children)
90659	Influenza virus vaccine, whole virus (covered under VFC only for high-risk children)
90669	Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, polyvalent, for children under 5 years
90700	Diphtheria, tetanus toxoids, and acellular pertussis (DTaP)
90701	Diphtheria, tetanus toxoids, and whole cell pertussis vaccine (DTP)
90702	Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids (DT) adsorbed
90707	Measles, mumps and rubella virus vaccine (MMR)
90713	Poliovirus vaccine, inactivated (IPV)
90714*	Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids (Td) absorbed, preservative free, 7 years or older, IM
90715*	Tetanus, diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap), 10 years or older, IM
90716	Varicella virus vaccine, live
90718	Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids (Td)
90720	Diphtheria, tetanus toxoids and whole cell pertussis vaccine and Hemophilus influenza B vaccine (DTP-Hib)
90721	Diphtheria, tetanus toxoids, and acellular pertussis vaccine and Hemophilus influenza B vaccine (DtaP-Hib)
90723	Diphtheria, tetanus toxoids, acellular pertussis vaccine, Hepatitis B, and poliovirus vaccine, inactivated (DtaP-HepB-IPV)
90734+	Meningococcal conjugate vaccine, serogroups A, C, Y and W-135 (tetravalent), for IM use
90732	Pneumococcal polysaccharide, 23 valent
90740	Hepatitis B vaccine, dialysis or immunosuppressed patient dosage (3 dose schedule)
90743	Hepatitis B vaccine, adolescent (2 dose schedule)
90744	Hepatitis B vaccine, pediatric/adolescent dosage (3 dose schedule)
90747	Hepatitis B vaccine, dialysis or immunosuppressed patient dosage (4 dose schedule)
90748	Hepatitis B and Hemophilus influenza b (HepB-Hib)

* Effective Date of July 1, 2005

+ Effective Date of June 1, 2005

AHCCCS Is Planning NON-IHS Provider Informational Sessions Throughout The State

AHCCCS is planning **NON-IHS** (Indian Health Services) Provider informational sessions throughout the State (Tucson, Flagstaff and Phoenix area) in the coming months.

We would like to know what topics are of interest to you.

Please use this notification to let us know what you would like included in the sessions. We will try to accommodate your requests.

Stay tuned to future *Claims Clues* publications for specific dates, times and locations of these sessions.

Reminder: All *Claims Clues* publications are available on the AHCCCS website for your reference. www.ahcccs.state.az.us.

Location of session you would attend.....

TUCSON_____ **FLAGSTAFF**_____ **PHOENIX**_____

Topics of interest.....

Please return this notice of interest, no later than September 9th, 2005.

You may fax to – 602-417-4430

Or

Mail to –

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Phoenix, AZ 85034